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Secretary Peters,

The Environmental Quality Commission (EQC) certainly appreciates your time yesterday at its annual planning session. The Commissioners were very glad to hear about the Cabinet's plans for the upcoming year.

Governor Beshear re-emphasized his commitment to complete a comprehensive energy plan this year in his press conference on July 16, 2008. The Energy and Environment Cabinet was charged with developing the policy package and presenting it to him in September. The EQC understands the time frame for completing this plan may present a challenge. However, as you know, the policy must ensure responsible resource management and development with minimal impact to the environment and to the citizens of the Commonwealth. The EQC is focused on both the environmental and economic impacts of the potential changes in energy use and development.

The EQC hopes that the development of this policy will be conducted with substantial public input from across the Commonwealth. The Commissioners appreciate your offer to review the plan at the appropriate time.

The EQC staff and Commissioners have extensive experience in environmental and energy matters and offer that experience to you in completing your task. In addition, the EQC would be pleased to aid you in your outreach efforts regarding the plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Scott R. Smith".

Scott R. Smith
Chairman



